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NEWSLETTER NO. 7

Dear Parents and Caregivers - *Tena koutou katoa*

WELCOME TO GREENMEADOWS SCHOOL

Five new students have started at Greenmeadows School over the past fortnight.

Maia Moore, Makenzie Moore, Mikaela McSkimming and Charlotte Field have all joined Room 9 as New Entrant children.

We also welcome Jack Lawson to the Totara syndicate as he started today in Room 16. It is great to have you all here at school with us.

Greenmeadows School now has 407 students.

2013 BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

The following is from our Returning Officer::

Declaration of Parent Trustee Results

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Durrant, Hamish
Hawkins, Catherine
Taylor-Meynall, Emma

Signed Mary Gregory (Returning Officer)

We welcome Catherine Hawkins who is the newly elected Trustee to the Board. Catherine, who has her son Luke currently in Year 2 brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm towards the role.

We also farewell Tanya Dearnis who has been on the Board for the past three years and elected not to stand again. Tanya's calm and thoughtful approach has been highly valued by the Board. She made a great contribution with all her efforts behind the scenes and her professional outlook in strategically looking to improve our school always. We wish Tanya all the best in her current role — assistant coach of the Waikato-Bay of Plenty Magic netball team (no pressure!). Many thanks Tanya.

FEED THE BUS — FOOD COLLECTION

The double-decker bus came to school on Tuesday 21 May collecting non-perishable food items for the Napier Foodbank. Thank you to all our families able to contribute the great collection of goods that we received — it was a very impressive pile of food that was loaded onto the double-decker bus.

Look for photos of the visit of the double decker bus on the school Facebook page.

WELCOME TO MRS KATE FULLER



We are pleased to inform you all, and especially parents in Room 16, that we are welcoming Mrs. Kate Fuller to our

school as a fixed term teacher.

Mrs. Fuller has taken over from Mrs. O'Dowda teaching in Room 16 when Mrs. Starkey is on study leave. Kate will be teaching on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week until early in Term 4. It is great to have Kate as part of our team.

ANZAC DAY COLLECTION

The Taradale RSA have been very appreciative of the donation they were given from our collection of \$205.00 which was collected during the morning of our ANZAC Day ceremony. Thanks to all who contributed.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

Many thanks to those families who have been paying their school accounts — we do appreciate your efforts.

We ask those with outstanding accounts, especially for swimming costs, sports fees, trips and productions are settled as soon as possible. Thanks for your cooperation.

2013 GMS SWIMMING SPORTS

We had two very good swimming events last week and some wonderful competition resulted amongst our senior classes. Using the new venue at the Greendale pool complex was a great success.

The following are the place-getters in the 2013 Greenmeadows School swimming championships:

Year 4 boys	1st Cameron Steed	2nd Reuben Davies	3rd Shae Watts
Year 4 girls	1st Anna Durrant	2nd = Lily Cameron, Isabella Davidson-Payne & Claire Meybaum	
Year 5 boys	1st = Tom Davies & Bryce Lott		3rd Oliver Stewart
Year 5 girls	1st Emma Downey	2nd Morgan Wilkins	3rd = Sophie Dodd & Kristina Wilson
Year 6 boys	1st Seb Kettle	2nd Chaz Heke	3rd Jordan Peninsula
Year 6 girls	1st Kamoe Fabish	2nd Ella Nicholson	3rd Ellie Watts

Well done to you all. Overall house points at the end of the swimming sports:

1 st Ahi 200	2 nd Marama 189	3 rd Moana 156	4 th Ngahere 148
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CANTEEN

There is Meat lover's Pizza on the menu now. They will cost \$2.00 each, the same as Hawaiian Pizza. Please add to you menu list or get a new one from the Office. Thanks for continuing to support the canteen!

GMS ON FACEBOOK

There are an increasing the number of followers we have on our school Facebook page. Ten days ago we uploaded a video of our school ukulele group and within three days this clip had been viewed by than 2,500 people!

You can access our Facebook page on:
www.facebook.com/gmsnapier

GREENMEADOWS KINDERGARTEN OPEN DAY

Open Day at Greenmeadows Kindergarten:

- Come and view our beautiful gardens.
- Meet our 100% trained teachers
- Free give-aways and nibbles.

Saturday 25 May 11.00—12.00pm

ROOM 7 TO OPEN SOON

The increasing numbers in Rooms 8 and 9 mean that we are soon going to be opening up Room 7 with Miss Christina Withey taking New Entrants as they arrive for the remainder of the term. This classroom will be officially starting in early June.

MEET UP WITH MR J

We want to make the most of the opportunities we have with so many parents arriving early each afternoon to pick up their children. So, every few weeks we will have a fifteen minute chat about an aspect related to school on a Thursday afternoon. We want to begin tomorrow Thursday 23 May starting at 2.40pm in the staffroom.

This week we are going to talk about the ways we can communicate with our parents. There are newsletters (such as this one), as well as a range of electronic communications we have access to, such as our school website and Facebook. What else could we look at?

Come on into the staffroom via the entrance off the deck. See you tomorrow!

NUMERACY LADDER BADGES

The following students have received Maths Ladder badges so far in Term 2:

Tupara Harrison, Jakob Morris, Zoe Ennor, Ella Ford, Brooke Exeter, Brianna Boyce, Joshua Pyott, Katie Fellowes, Tabitha Francis-Thickpenny, Jorja McIntyre, Melissa Kinzett, Luke Marshall, Charlie Stewart, Biana Burke, Karmi van der Merwe, Shylah Jury, Rebekah Beaven and Maia Driver.

Congratulations to you all!

There are plenty waiting to be tested as well ...exciting times!!!



Room 1	Asha Penn Olivia McKay	Room 2	Bayle Smith Upashna Sundar
Room 3	Nathan Stone Unique Tonihi	Room 4	Nathan Kinsey Makayla Jack
Room 5	Rylan O'Shea Sean Moylan	Room 6	Seth Watts Fletcher Burch
Room 8	Saffron Barnett George Fellowes	Room 9	Xavier Babbington Nick Catley
Room 10	Calais Bell Rose Jury	Room 11	Millie Burne Dante Delamere
Room 12	Karlie Morrison Ivy Wu	Room 13	Aron Freeman-Pointon Logan Truuts
Room 14	Simran Bedi Lauren Wells	Room 15	Savarnah Johns Keryn Olsen
Room 16	Noah Edwards-Wilkinson Ella Herekiuha	Room 17	Theppituk Rattana- worametha Jacob Morris

PRINCIPAL AWARDS WEEKS 1 AND 2 TERM 2 2013



GMS VALUES MEDALS

Congratulations to these children who were presented with our medals in Weeks 1 & 2 Term 2 at school assembly

Respect	Jaime Kinder Room 17 Joshua Ratcliffe Room 6
Perseverance	Lennox Burton Room 9 Isabel Harris Room 16
Excellence	Eva Mackirdy Room 2 Maddison Leipst Room 11

Well done all. Who will be the next recipients of these medals?

MATHS EVENING FOR PARENTS

Clear the diaries for 20 June 2013 - we will have our long awaited Mathematics evening. You can learn all about the wonderful maths your children are involved in at school! Thursday 20 June - 5.30 to 7.00pm
Details in the school next newsletter.

Have a great week everyone.

Ka kite ano,

Mark Johnson
Principal

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

(FOR MORE DETAILS LOOK UNDER 'SCHOOL EVENTS' ON WWW.GMS.SCHOOL.NZ)

Term 2

22 May	Dance Festival
23 May	Meet up with Mr J 2.45pm
24 May	PTA Disco
28 May	Kiwi Sports Field Day 1.00—2.45pm Years 5 and 6
30 May	Kiwi Sports Postponement Day
3 June	Queen's Birthday
11 June	PTA Shared Lunch
13 June	Henry Hill Sports Exchange
20 June	Parents Maths Evening 5.30pm (details to follow in next newsletter)
25 June	Junior Gymnastics Festival
27 June	Senior Gymnastics Festival
2 July	Soccer Field Day 1.00 — 2.45pm Years 5 and 6
4 July	Soccer Field Day Postponement Day
5 July	Reports Home
8 July	Technology Challenge Napier Intermediate School
8 July	Parent Interviews
9 July	Parent Interviews
12 July	End of Term 2

